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(g) An accredited person shall promptly notify the nearest local office of the Administration with respect to any changes in technical personnel, in fee schedules in geographical areas in which operations are conducted, or other pertinent substantial changes in its organization or operations.

§ 1919.12 Recordkeeping and related procedures concerning records in custody of the vessel.

- (a) A fully completed and up-to-date register shall be kept in the form prescribed or approved by the Administration, giving the particulars required with respect to:
- (1) The inspections and thorough examinations required by §1919.15(a) and (b).
- (2) The thorough examinations required by §1919.15(c).
- (3) The thorough examinations required by §1919.17.
- (4) The heat treatment required by §1919.16 (a) and (b), and §1919.19.
- (b) Certificates in the form prescribed or approved by the Administration shall be kept up-to-date, be attached to the register, and shall contain the particulars required with respect to:
- (1) The testing and examinations required by §§ 1919.14, 1919.15(a), and 1919.19
- (2) The heat treatment required by §§ 1919.16 and 1919.19.
- (c) The certificates and entries in the register shall be signed by a person qualified under §1919.37.
- (d) Adequate means shall be provided to enable persons examining the register, or any certificate attached thereto, to identify items of cargo gear referred to therein. Small items of gear, such as shackles, shall bear a mark to indicate that they have been initially tested.
- (e) Records shall be kept aboard vessels identifying wire rope or articles of loose gear obtained from time to time and required to be certificated under the regulations of this part.
- (f) An accredited person shall instruct the vessel's officers, or the vessel's operator if the vessel is unmanned, that the vessel's register and certificates shall be preserved for at least 4 years after the date of the latest

entry except in the case of non-recurring test certificates concerning gear which is kept in use for a longer period, in which event the pertinent certificates shall be retained so long as that gear is continued in use.

(g) In cases where derricks, spouts, suckers, or cranes are mounted permanently aboard barges which remain in domestic inland waters service, the certification documentation shall comply with the provisions of §1919.90 of this part.

Subpart D—Certification of Vessels' Cargo Gear

§1919.13 General.

- (a) Except as noted in §1919.1 and as provided in exemptions under §1919.10(h), certification performed by accredited persons shall conform to the requirements contained in this subpart.
- (b) Safe working loads assigned to assembled units of gear, shall be based on applicable design criteria acceptable to the accredited person. Where no design data on which to base a rating is obtainable, the safe working load ratings assigned shall be based on the owner's information and warranty that those so assigned are correct. Unit test certificates shall state the basis for any such safe working load assignment.

§ 1919.14 Initial tests of cargo gear and tests after alterations, renewals or repairs.

- (a)(1) Before being taken into use, hoisting machines, fixed gear aboard vessels accessory thereto, and loose gear and wire rope used in connection therewith shall be tested and examined and the safe working load thereof certified in the manner set forth in subpart E of this part.
- (2) Replacement or additional loose gear and wire rope obtained from time to time shall also be tested and examined in the manner set forth in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. However, the replacement of a component part of an article of loose gear such as a sheave, pin, or bushing does not require a new test certificate as long as the new component at least equals in all particulars the part replaced.